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05/17/2011 Minutes

MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2011 MEETING VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE (approved)

In attendance: Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Josh Lobel, Charlotte Milan.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted after correction of a minor typographical error.

The results of the census survey, in booklet form, were distributed to Town Meeting last night and to attendees at this meeting. Andrew has tallied comments received on paper by category; Josh has collected those received on-line.

Jane suggested that the Business and Fiscal Resources Task Groups could take on the topic of economic development as a joint project.

Traffic counts on the bikeway were taken for the state last week. They showed about 1000 people on Tuesday and about 1800 on Saturday, despite rainy weather all week.

Two successful work projects were held recently:

About 22 volunteers showed up to install the habitat garden at the Reservoir on April 30. DPW will install a water line to the garden for the cost of materials only.

On May 7, "Trails Day" on the Rt. 2 path along Spy Pond drew about 45 people. They included a group from the Arlington-Belmont crew which stripped a large patch of invasive oriental bittersweet from the chain-link fence, except for a small area that was left to protect a robin's nest.

A Town-wide campaign against invasives would be desirable. Information could be put on the Town website, which cannot carry pictures but could carry links to sites where pictures of invasives could be found.

The Spy Pond Committee's May meeting was a presentation attended by about 50 people, at which several long-time residents reminisced about their experiences at the pond.

Warrant articles: The no-wake zone 50 feet from Spy Pond Park passed. A proponent falsely claimed that the Spy Pond committee took an on-line vote on the subject. The waterbodies fund has not come to a vote yet. Vision 2020 received no CDBG funds and now has less money than the cost of the next census mailing.

Town Day has been set for September 17. Jane will not be here but will apply for space for three tables as usual. Lightweight 6-ft tables, if anyone can lend them, would be preferable to the heavy 8-ft ones available.

The Vision 2020 year-end event will be a potluck at the Res habitat garden on June 9.

The Mass.Ave. corridor project, though still controversial, is moving forward; the necessary easements have been voted.

The Brigham's site project is nearing 100% approval and may start this summer. It will be mostly housing with a small commercial area.

The Symmes site has several applicants; ARB must decide among them.